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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am writing as I was made aware via the news outlets that US Telecom is attempting to dismantle a component of the 1996 Telecommunications Act that allows smaller ISP providers to compete by leasing the unbundled copper lines at regulated prices. Removal of this provision would completely obstruct the main objective of the 1996 Telecommunications Act which was to aid in providing consumers with competitive choices when it came to their ISP providers.

Doing this create monopolies within the Telecom sector that do not provide the choice to the consumers to decide who they wish to do business with. Curently as it stand the competition for cable networks is monopolized by the few (Comcast and Charter) nationwide. The continued access for the smaller ISP with whom I prefer to do business with as the lack of quality service from AT&T and the likes does not compare, is crucial to continuing to foster this competition.

I know this as I was once an AT&T DSL customer that switched to a smaller company offering the same service for a better price and better customer service. I urge you to keep the provisions as they stand in the 1996 Telecommunications Act and not consider the petition that has been submitted by US Telecom, other than for what it really is and that is an attempt to kill competitiveness amongst internet providers. If they wish to get more customers improve your services and experience like any normal business would do, instead of attempting to take low blows as the smaller competitors.

Thank you

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